

# **“RRAFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEETING 13 SUMMARY**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

**6:30 – 9:00 PM**

**Missoula FWP Headquarters**

**3201 Spurgin Road**

**Missoula**

- **Opening and Agenda**

- Charlie Sperry ~ FWP Recreation Management Specialist

- Charlie opened the meeting provided an overview of the agenda and described an updated timeline for the planning process.

- **Review of Preliminary Draft Blackfoot Management Plan**

- Chet Crowser ~ FWP River Recreation Manager

- Chet gave a brief read-through of the preliminary draft Blackfoot recreation management plan. The read-through provided a description of each of the chapters included in the draft and explained the layout of the document.

- **Group Discussion – General Comments**

- The committee responded to the preliminary draft plan with general comments. Some members of the committee commented that they liked the layout of the plan and that the format of the plan was easy to read. However, there was an overall sense of frustration among committee members regarding the current content of the plan. Some of the frustrations included the following:

- The plan seemed more process oriented than action oriented.
    - The plan lacked “trigger points” and an indication of management action implementation.
    - Current conditions may be closer to “trigger points” than FWP portrayed.
    - Past Blackfoot planning efforts and accomplishments were discussed only minimally.
    - Descriptions of reaches were confusing and readers could benefit from a map.
    - The committee felt the draft relied too much on the use of additional citizen advisory committees for making decisions related to the implementation of management actions.
    - There was a lack of natural resource-based indicators in the plan.

- The committee also requested a compilation of recreation use data for the Blackfoot River and FWP staff agreed to provide that information prior to the next RRAFT meeting.

- **Group Discussion – Natural Resource Indicators**

- The committee began to discuss natural resource indicators for inclusion in the plan. Potential indicators that were shared by the committee included hook scarring on fish, loss of riverbank and erosion and loss of raptor nesting.

- ***Meeting Wrap-up***

- *Charlie Sperry*

- Charlie closed the meeting by suggesting that the committee is now prepped to specify conditions and management actions for the various river reaches. He also acknowledged the interest of the committee in developing triggers that are specifically geared to management actions. Committee discussions regarding the selection of appropriate indicators for monitoring conditions will continue at the next meeting.

- ***Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM***

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, July 10, 2008

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

FWP Region 2 Headquarters

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